



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Takahiro NAKAHIGASHI et al.

Art Unit: 1775

Application No.: 09/589,225

Examiner: Archene A. Turner

Filed: June 8, 2000

Atty. Dkt. No.: 107351-00001

For: OBJECT COATED WITH CARBON FILM AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING THE SAME

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 24, 2003

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated October 23, 2002, the time for response being extended for one month from January 23, 2003 to February 24, 2003 (February 23, 2003 being a Sunday) by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 23 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 18 and 22 as follows:

Sub 18
18. (Twice Amended) A machine part selected from a group including an automobile part other than a tire, and a bicycle part other than a tire, having a portion to be in contact with another object, said portion being made of an organic polymer material selected from a group including resin and rubber, and said portion having a flexible surface entirely or partly coated with a DLC (diamond like carbon) film having a wear resistance and a lubricity as well as a thickness exhibiting flexibility substantially conforming to the flexibility of the surface of said portion.